

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM NEWS BULLETIN

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The news bulletin serves to keep you aware of emerging VFC program, vaccine, and vaccine-preventable disease updates.

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Please Continue Vaccinating!

CDC, AAP, and AAFP have all released guidance on best practices to continue vaccinating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click the links below to learn more!

- [CDC](#)
- [AAP](#)
- [AAFP](#)

VFC REGIONAL MEETING Webinar Training

Chicago VFC understands that COVID-19 has impacted your practice's workload significantly. With this in mind, the 2020 VFC Regional Meeting training will not be held in-person.



The 2020 VFC Regional Meeting training will be held at your convenience in a **1.5-hour, pre-recorded continuing education (CE) webinar format.**

Please watch the webinar and complete the evaluation **between 6/3/20 and 6/30/20**. Topics will include vaccine management, I-CARE, VFC program updates, and COVID-19's impact on routine vaccination.

At least 2 staff members from each Chicago VFC practice are required to view the entire webinar and complete the evaluation to ensure uninterrupted VFC enrollment and VFC vaccine delivery.

The Primary/Back-up Vaccine Coordinators and other staff with vaccine management responsibilities should watch the webinar. All other staff, including the medical director, are strongly encouraged. **Please watch the webinar and complete the evaluation between 6/3/20 and 6/30/20.**

How to Access the CDPH VFC Regional Meeting Webinar Training (available 6/3/20)

Please go to this link in order to view the Regional Meeting webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/CDPHVFC2020> between 6/3/20 and 6/30/20

- You will need to provide your name and email address in order to access the webinar
- You will be able to pause and start the webinar any time that you wish
- Once you have finished watching the webinar, you will receive a link to complete the evaluation within a week
- Please complete the evaluation in order to receive attendance credit and Continuing Education
- You will receive your CE certificate within a week of completing the evaluation

Questions?

Webinar/CME questions: AWong@illinoisAAP.org

VFC Requirement questions: ChicagoVFC@cityofchicago.org

VFC PROVIDER IMPACT SURVEY

Please complete this survey to help us understand the impact COVID-19 has had on your practice.

Chicago VFC Thanks You

Chicago VFC wishes to thank you, our providers, during this time of COVID-19. You have worked tirelessly to serve your patients despite the many challenges you face every day.

Nationally, we have seen rates of VFC vaccine use drop sharply. We have seen this here in Chicago. We want to collect some information through [this survey](#) about how things are going right now, and use this information to help us determine ways to better support your work as things begin to return to our "new normal."



Please take just a few minutes to tell us about what you are doing or are planning to do to reach our at-risk infants, children and adolescents in Chicago by answering [this set of questions](#).

We value this information and will share our findings with you in an upcoming VFC News Bulletin. Thank you for your time and all your hard work.

-Marcia Levin

Program Director, CDPH Immunization Program

#CallYourPediatrician Campaign

Use [new tools](#) developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics to encourage parents to return to your offices for vaccinations and other well-child visit needs.

- Sample tweets and posts
- Images and other materials

Be sure to accompany all posts with the hashtag:

#CallYourPediatrician!

Find all these resources on the [AAP website](#).



Your patients' health is
Up to you...

**Don't forget
Shots against
flu!**

It's not too late – please continue to vaccinate your patients against flu. Contact Chicago VFC if you need more flu vaccine.



Contact Us

**Forms, Policies, and
Program Updates**

[www.ChicagoHAN.org/
VFC](http://www.ChicagoHAN.org/VFC)

Primary Contact Method

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*Please use this email for
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and issues including those
related to vaccine orders
and temperature
excursions*

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